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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A container for dispensing one of a glue, sealant and caulk, comprising:

a hollow tube containing the glue, sealant or caulk;

a nozzle at one end of the tube, the nozzle having a tip with an outlet to dispense the glue, sealant or caulk, and

a sealing cap including a hollow elongate body having an open end and a closed end and an interior space shaped to encompass a portion of the nozzle including the tip and a deformable sealant located within a portion of the interior space toward the closed end and sealing the orifice, the sealant being retained in the outlet of the nozzle and expelled during a subsequent use thereof to dispense the glue, sealant or caulk.

2. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 1, wherein said nozzle is integrally formed in one piece and further comprising:

a retention member positioned within the interior space for frictionally engaging the nozzle when the nozzle tip is insert into sealing contact with the quantity of deformable sealant.

3. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 2, wherein the retention member is separable from the body.
4. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 2, wherein the retention member is integrally formed with the body.
5. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 2, wherein the retention member includes at least one projection on an internal wall of the body.
6. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 2, wherein the retention member further comprises a plurality of angled projections configured to facilitate threading the cap onto the nozzle.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The container of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the retention member further comprises a wire having an end extending into the interior space so as to engage said nozzle tip.
8. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 1, wherein the deformable sealant is selected from the group consisting of a silicon gel and a wax.
9. (ORIGINAL) The container of claim 1, wherein the deformable sealant comprises an elastomer.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A sealing cap for a container holding a flowable and curable material, the container further having integral, one-piece elongate dispensing nozzle with an outer surface and a tip, the sealing cap comprising:
a hollow elongate body having an open end and a closed end and an interior space shaped to encompass a portion of the nozzle including the tip;

a deformable sealant located within a portion of the interior space toward the closed end; and

a retention member located within the interior space configured to frictionally engage the outer surface of the elongate nozzle when the nozzle tip is insert into sealing contact with the deformable sealant, wherein the retention member further comprises a wire having an end extending into the interior space so as to engage said nozzle tip.

11. (ORIGINAL) The cap of claim 10, wherein the retention member is separable from the body.

12. (ORIGINAL) The cap of claim 10, wherein the retention member is integrally formed with the body.

13. (ORIGINAL) The cap of claim 10, wherein the retention member includes at least one projection on an internal wall of the body.

14. (ORIGINAL) The cap of claim 10, wherein the retention member further comprises a plurality of angled projections configured to facilitate threading the cap onto the nozzle.

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16. (ORIGINAL) The cap of claim 10, wherein the deformable sealant is selected from the group consisting of a silicon gel and a wax.

17. (ORIGINAL) The cap of claim 10, wherein the deformable sealant comprises an elastomer.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of selectively sealing an open nozzle tip of a partially dispensed container of [[flowable and curable material]] glue, sealant or caulk and subsequently dispensing the glue, sealant or caulk, the container having an elongate, integrally formed nozzle with an outer surface, the method comprising:

placing a deformable sealant material within a closed end of a cap shaped to receive the outer surface and the open nozzle tip;

engaging the cap over the open nozzle tip;

making sealing contact between the open nozzle tip and the deformable sealant material by forcing a portion of the deformable sealant material into the open nozzle tip; [[and]]

engaging at least one projection of the cap onto the outer surface of the elongate, integrally formed nozzle;[[.]]

removing the cap from the open nozzle tip leaving a portion of the deformable sealant material within the open nozzle tip; and

expelling the portion of the deformable sealant material from the open nozzle tip while dispensing the glue, sealant or caulk from the nozzle.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of engaging at least one projection further comprises:

rotating the cap onto an outer surface of the nozzle tip with a threading action to retain the cap on the nozzle tip.

20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

cutting an end of the nozzle to form the open nozzle tip prior to
engaging the cap over the open nozzle tip.